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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Hot-Rolled Steel Products from Brazil: Rescission of 2016 Countervailing Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is rescinding the administrative review of the countervailing duty order on hot-rolled steel products from Brazil for the period of review (POR) January 15, 2016, through December 31, 2016.

DATES: Applicable: [insert date of publication in the *Federal Register*].

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Background

On October 4, 2017, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on hot-rolled steel products from Brazil for the POR.¹ On October 31, 2017, Commerce received a timely request from Companhia Siderurgica Nacional S.A. (CSN), in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff

¹ See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 82 FR 46217 (October 4, 2017).

Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) and 19 CFR 351.213(b), to conduct an administrative review of this countervailing duty order.²

On December 7, 2017, Commerce published in the *Federal Register* a notice of initiation with respect to CSN.³ On January 23, 2018, CSN timely withdrew its request for an administrative review.⁴

Rescission of Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), the Secretary will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if a party who requested the review withdraws the request within 90 days of the date of publication of notice of initiation of the requested review. As noted above, CSN withdrew its request for review by the 90-day deadline, and no other party requested an administrative review of this order. Therefore, we are rescinding the administrative review of the countervailing duty order on hot-rolled steel products from Brazil covering the period January 15, 2016, through December 31, 2016.

Assessment

Commerce will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess countervailing duties on all appropriate entries. Countervailing duties shall be assessed at rates equal to the cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties required at the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i). Commerce intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions directly to CBP 15 days after the date of publication of this notice in the *Federal Register*.

² See Letter from CSN, “Hot-Rolled Steel Products from Brazil: Request for Review – 2016 Review Period,” dated October 31, 2017.

³ See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 82 FR 57705 (December 7, 2017).

⁴ See Letter from CSN, “Hot-Rolled Steel Products from Brazil: Withdraw of Review Request,” dated January 23, 2018.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Orders

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with section 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

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